Subject No. 280.

A Sopanaghat for Mahomedans at Gargeswari.

Messrs. Siddalinga Mari Devaru & T. Krishna Rao.

Summary of discussion.—The Sopanaghat at Gargeswari is resorted to by people of all castes and creeds, and this having once led to a breach of the peace, the construction of a separate Sopanaghat for the exclusive use of the Mahomedan community was ordered by Government. The work was started but was stopped for some reason or other. It is requested that the construction of the Sopanaghat may be completed.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the President, Local Fund Board.

Subject No. 281.

Repairs to certain tanks.

Messrs. Siddalinga Mari Devaru & Srirangachar.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The Halavara and Kannaikanahalli tanks having breached, the former in 1875 and the latter in May last, the wet lands under them are lying waste. The rains too are not seasonable. It is therefore requested that these tanks may be restored to afford water facilities to the raiyats, or the tanks abandoned and the bed and the *atchkat* assessed at dry rates. There are 40 or 50 acres of land.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Chief Engineer and the Deputy Commissioner.

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Summary of discussion.—(*b*) Several minor tanks in these parts are being allowed to fall into disrepair owing to the failure of the raiyats to do the annual maintenance work, and the consequence is that water difficulty is experienced by the village cattle. It is requested that strict supervision by Government officers of the annual up-keep of these tanks by the raiyats may be enforced in view to obviate water difficulty.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 282.

Re-establishment of Balamuri Chattram.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.

Summary of discussion.—Balamuri is a sacred place situated at the edge of the Kaveri river. Pilgrims visit the place in large numbers. His Highness the late Krishnaraja Wadayar and Dewan Purnaiya had established a feeding chattram for the use of pilgrims going there. The chattram has been amalgamated with the Seringapatam chattram. A retransfer is prayed for. The temples of Agasteswara and Pranadevaru, which are in a dilapidated condition, may be restored.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Muzrai Department for investigation.

Subject No. 283.

The management of Devaraya Nala.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.

Summary of discussion.—Since the transfer of the Devaraya Nala to the Revenue Department tentatively for one year, there has been enough of water in it. The silt-clearing from the 1st to the 5th mile is absolutely necessary to ensure easy flow of water to Mysore. Earthwork to the channel is now done by the Public Works Department. The transfer of this item of work to the Revenue Department permanently is prayed for ; for the Revenue Department, by getting work done for ten days in the month systematically mile after mile, will turn out good and satisfactory

work. The levels of waste-weirs or vents existing within 5 miles from the starting point of the channel require to be raised. The wing bunds thrown to divert the river water to the channel are out of order and should be repaired at once. It is reported that an estimate for Rs. 10,000 submitted by the Public Works Department for the repairs of this channel has been sanctioned by Government. It is not known whether the item of repairing the wing bunds is included in the sanctioned estimate. The period of one year expires in one or one-and-half months. The management should be under the Deputy Commissioner's orders. The raiyats asked for the contract of the syphon work. It was not granted, but the work was done by the Public Works Department. There is leakage in it even now.

It is further requested that all repairs connected with this channel may hereafter be executed by the Revenue Department. The work may be ordered to be done with the help of the raiyats under the supervision of the Revenue Department. There are raiyats paying kandayam up to Rs. 20,000.

Reply of Government.—If the work is being done properly, enquiry will be made as to why the same arrangement should not continue; and suitable orders will be passed after consulting the Chief Engineer.

Subject No. 284.
Pipe water for Palhalli.
Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.

Summary of discussion.—The want of drinking water is much felt at Palhalli during the hot season. It would appear Government have sanctioned Rs. 8,000 for providing a water-supply scheme. Arrangements may be made for the supply of water to the town of Palhalli by means of pipes from the Turbine house.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The question of funds seems to be in the way. The requirements of the whole State will be taken into consideration and allotments made to the extent feasible. Referred also to the Municipal Board.

Subject No. 285.
Completion of Balamuri road.
Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.

Summary of discussion.—The distance from Balagola to Balamuri is 2 miles. One mile of the road has been completed. Early orders for completing the remaining portion of the road and for constructing a bridge near Majjigepura are solicited.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter for the consideration of the Local Fund Board.

Subject No. 286.
Water-supply to Seringapatam & Ganjam towns.
Mr. Nanje Devaru.

Summary of discussion.—In the hot season the wells at Seringapatam and Ganjam dry up. The river Kaveri being far from these towns, great difficulty is experienced for want of good drinking water. The proposal to supply good drinking water by laying out pipes has not been carried out. Early action in the matter is prayed for. Estimates have been framed at a cost of Rs. 70,000.

Reply of Government.—As in Subject No. 284 *supra*.